

Louisiana State Police and Canadian National Police Service Present

Operation Lifesaver – A Law Enforcement Point of View



The 3 E's of Operation Lifesaver

EDUCATION

ENGINEERING

ENFORCEMENT



Any Time is Train Time



Trains Can't Swerve



Approximate Stopping Distance

At 55 MPH



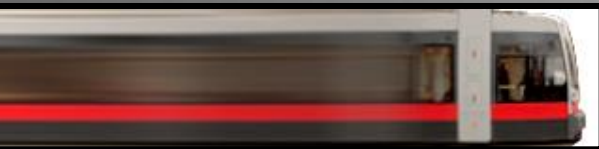
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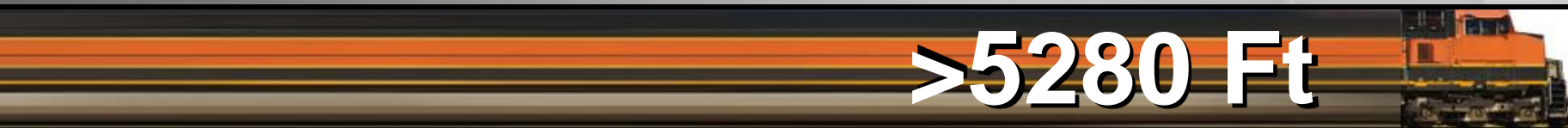
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Emergency Notification System

**TO REPORT STALLED
VEHICLE ON TRACKS OR
OTHER EMERGENCY
CALL 1-800-555-5555
AND REFER TO
CROSSING #123-123A
ON CHERRY STREET**



Passive Crossing



Active Warning Devices



Multiple Tracks



Distractions



**TRESPASSING IS
DANGEROUS
AND ILLEGAL**



**STAY OFF
RAILROAD TRACKS**

Stay Off!
Stay Away!
Stay Alive!®

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Why do we need to enforce laws pertaining to interaction with trains?

While our goal is voluntary compliance with traffic and criminal laws pertaining to railroads, the reality is enforcement is necessary when people fail to obey these laws.



What laws do we enforce?

- **Traffic laws:**
 - **Failure to stop**
 - Signal device
 - Flagman
 - Crossing gate
 - Train within 900 feet blowing horn
 - Stop sign
 - **Stopping on tracks**
 - **Going around gates**
 - **Disregarding flashing lights**
 - **Failure to yield: covers crossings without active signals**



What laws do we enforce?

- **Traffic laws (continued):**
 - Failure of commercial bus or CMV to stop
 - Failure of school bus to stop
 - Failure of school bus driver to open door
- **Criminal laws:**
 - Trespassing
 - Criminal damage to property
 - Throwing items at train
 - Theft

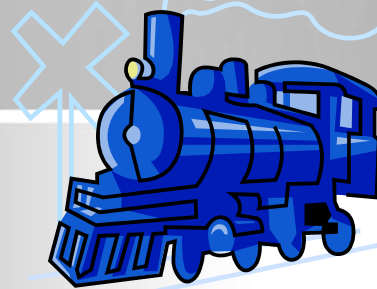
How do we do it?

- Encourage police officers to look for and take enforcement action whenever a violation of law related to railroads is observed.
- Participate in “officer on the train” details.



Officer on the Train Detail

- The railroad selects a section of track based upon problems train crews have encountered.
- The railroad and law enforcement coordinate a date and start time for the detail as well as a briefing location. Enforcement details typically last 2-4 hours but may last longer.
- The locomotive and train crew are specifically assigned to the detail.



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- Law enforcement, with the railroad's cooperation, places a radio equipped officer on a locomotive to observe violations and coordinate enforcement action.



Importance of the Media

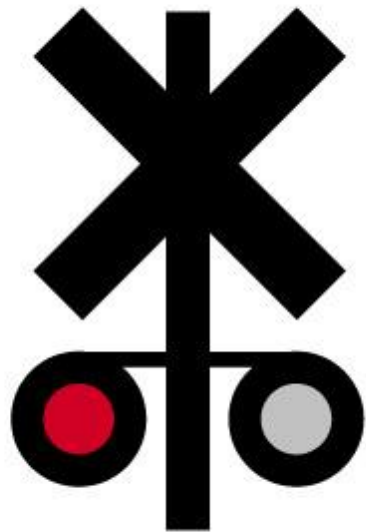
- Invite media to cover the detail
- Allow media on the train if railroad policy permits
- Issue post-event news release including results



Suspicious activity? Report it!

- If you see something, say something.
- You may also send something...a geo-tagged message with a picture from your mobile device.





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Questions?

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